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EU and US agree on new EU brown rice import tariff scheme

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Report Highlights:

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US Trade Representative Press Release: [United States and Europe Reach Agreement on US Rice Exports](#)¹

USA Rice Federation Press Release: [U.S.-EU Rice Deal Preserves Access for U.S. Brown Rice; Agreement Forestalls U.S. Retaliation and Trade Disruption](#)²

European Commission Press Release: [EU and US agree on new rice import regime](#)³

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